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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 58.8 degrees, 0.4 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, May 12. Precipitation averaged 1.38 inches, 0.59 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 12 points below normal.

Reporters rated 1.6 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, May 10. This is 4.1 days less than last year and 3.4 days less than the five-year average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 33 percent adequate, and 67 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2002	1.6	1.4	11.4
2001	5.7	6.9	28.9
1997-2001 Average	5.0	4.2	25.8

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	0	33	67
Last Week	0	0	47	53
Same Week Last Year	6	32	59	3
1997-2001 Average	3	18	65	14

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 12

Wet field conditions continued to hamper planting activities across the Buckeye State last week. The State’s **Corn** growers were only able to plant an additional 6 percent of their intended acreage, bringing the overall total to 17 percent. This is nearly two weeks behind the five-year average pace and 74 percentage points behind last year.

Persistent wet weather is forcing some growers to plant their crop in less than ideal soil conditions. Nine percent of the corn acreage had emerged by the end of the week. **Soybean** planting also continues to be slowed by wet conditions. As of Sunday evening, 6 percent of the State’s soybean acreage had been planted compared to 70 percent in 2001, and 44 percent for the five-year average. Current progress is running two weeks behind normal. Only an additional 1 percent of the intended **Potato** acreage was planted last week as growers battled muddy field conditions. Current progress is running nearly 10 days behind last year and the five-year average. Seventy-four percent of the State’s **Oat** acreage has been planted with 51 percent emerged. Ninety-eight percent of the State’s **Tobacco** beds have been seeded, with 87 percent having plants up. Transplanting should begin within the next few weeks if weather conditions are favorable. **Eighty-six** percent of the State’s **Sugarbeet** acreage has been planted compared to 95 percent planted at this same time last year. Reporters estimate that 85 percent of the **Winter Wheat** acreage has jointed, with 3 percent headed. Crop development is running slightly behind the State’s five-year average pace. Ohio producers are hoping for drier weather this coming week to get planting activities back on track.

Ninety-eight percent of the **Apple** trees are in the green tip stage with 91 percent of them in full bloom. Ninety-nine percent of the State’s **Peach** trees are in the green tip stage or beyond with 93 percent in full bloom.

Farming activities taking place last week included row crop planting, equipment maintenance, fence row cleaning fertilizer applications, and herbicide spraying. Producers also prepared seed beds, mowed pastures, and hauled grain to market.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Wheat conditions declined slightly from the previous week due to the wet conditions, but the majority remains rated in fair-to-good condition. The majority of the State’s pastures and hay fields are rated in fair-to-good condition, but are in need of sunshine. Livestock across the State continued to be rated in mostly good condition.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 12

Crop	2002	2001	1997-01 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Corn planted	17	91	70	11	42
Corn emerged	9	51	27	2	12
Oats planted	74	100	97	61	58
Oats emerged	51	86	83	29	30
Potatoes planted	41	68	66	40	NA
Soybeans planted	6	70	44	5	6
Soybeans emerged	1	35	12	NA	NA
Sugarbeets planted	86	95	NA	31	71
Tobacco beds seeded	98	99	NA	94	NA
Tobacco beds having plants up	87	90	NA	75	NA
Winter wheat jointed	85	93	90	77	NA
Winter wheat headed	3	7	8	0	37

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 12

APPLES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	4	24	58	14
Previous Week	0	2	21	63	14
Previous Year	0	3	18	66	13
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	22	62	11
Previous Week	0	3	24	58	15
Previous Year	0	3	21	61	15
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	1	13	72	14
Previous Week	0	1	15	71	13
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	3	22	61	14
Previous Week	0	3	24	59	14
Previous Year	1	5	23	56	15
PEACHES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	4	28	57	11
Previous Week	0	2	23	63	12
Previous Year	0	6	21	59	14
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	7	26	51	14
Previous Week	2	5	25	53	15
Previous Year	1	4	17	56	22

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 12

Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	56.2	-1.7	1.71	1.06	6.72	2.25	56	-18	314	30
North Central	56.7	-0.7	0.96	0.25	6.21	1.69	53	-18	311	40
Northeast	56.6	0.3	0.93	0.12	5.12	0.40	57	-11	307	43
West Central	59.5	0.7	1.36	0.52	7.58	2.49	66	-12	358	45
Central	59.6	0.6	1.08	0.26	5.95	0.92	67	-13	372	42
Central Hills	57.4	0.1	0.90	0.08	6.09	1.13	58	-15	329	36
Northeast Hills	57.9	0.3	1.07	0.27	5.42	0.63	62	-13	334	26
Southwest	61.7	1.7	2.53	1.61	8.90	3.15	79	-6	410	55
South Central	61.5	1.5	1.65	0.86	7.38	2.44	80	-8	439	47
Southeast	59.8	0.9	1.21	0.45	6.48	1.55	71	-11	395	44
STATE	58.8	0.4	1.38	0.59	6.65	1.72	66	-12	361	41

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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